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AMENDMENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: R.D. Hibbs et al. Attorney Docket No.: HREL121731
Application No.: 10/687,453 Group Art Unit: 3677
Filed: October 15, 2003 Examiner: A.M. King
Title: APPARATUS FOR SECURING A CAP OF A CONTAINER TO AN
EXTERNAL STRUCTURE

AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER/
PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Seattle, Washington 98101

July 22, 2004

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

A. Amendment Transmittal

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

X 1. No additional claim fee is required, as shown below.

COMPUTATION OF FEE FOR CLAIMS AS AMENDED

	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid For		Present Extra		Rate		Additional Fee
Total Claims	20	-	20	=	0	x	9	=	0
Independent Claims	2	-	3	=	0	x	43	=	0
TOTAL									\$0

B. Petition for Extension of Time

Applicants respectfully request that the shortened statutory period for response to the outstanding Office Action dated March 25, 2004, set to expire on June 25, 2004, be extended by 1 month, to expire on July 26, 2004, (July 25, 2004 being on a weekend or being a Sunday). The enclosed check includes the 1-month extension fee of \$55.00.

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C. Fees Enclosed

Enclosed is our Check No. 156835 in the amount of \$55.00 to cover the amendment claim fee and request for extension of time fee.

D. Additional Fee Charges or Credit for Overpayment

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.18 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 03-1740. This authorization also hereby includes a request for any extensions of time of the appropriate length required upon the filing of any reply during the entire prosecution of this application. A copy of this document is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service in a sealed envelope as first class mail with postage thereon fully prepaid and addressed to **Mail Stop Amendment**, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on the below date.

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated March 25, 2004, applicants respectfully request amendment of the application and reconsideration in light of remarks presented below.

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